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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 6468

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, AR

SUBJECT: CIVAR US/ARGENTINE ARRANGEMENT

REF A. BA 6394, B. STATE 142105

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INFORMAL INDICATION GOA WILL ASK FOR FURTHER TIME, UNTIL NOV 30, 73, TO STUDY HOW TO IMPLEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR HOW TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH US ON PROBLEM OF FUTURE CIVIL AIR ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED FORMAL NOTIFICATION OR COMMUNICATION STILL EXPECTED FROM FOREIGN OFFICE.

2. AMBASSADOR F. TAUREL, CHIEF NORTH AMERICAN SECTION IN FOREIGN OFFICE, TELEPHONED DCM DURING AFTERNNON AUG 30 TO STATE THAT EMBASSY WOULD SOON RECEIVE FROM FO A NOTE OR OTHER COMMUNICATION INDICATING THAT GOA FEELS IT NEEDS TILL NOV 30 TO COMPLETE CONSIDERATION OF HOW IT SHOULD DEAL WITH USG AND US AIRLINES CONCERNING FUTURE BILATERAL RELATIONS. TAUREL ALSO INDICATED FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL FROM NOW ON PLAY A INCREASING AND MAJOR ROLE IN EFFORTS TO SEEK A PROPER ARRANGEMENT WITH USG ON SUBJECT, INDICATING FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS DETERMINED TO SEE PROBLEM SETTLED AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, TETTAMANTI, WOULD PLAY A LEADING DIRECT ROLE IN GOA INTER-AGENCY DECISION-MAKING TOWARD THIS GOAL. AS OF COB AUG 30 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY
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NOT YET RECEIVED.

3. THIS EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO GIVE CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT TO COMMENTS MADE BY TAUREL CONCERNING DETERMINATION OF FO TO SEE PROBLEM SETTLED. HIS STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE DIFFICULTIES NOW ENCOUNTERED IN REACHING QUOTE SENSIBLE END QUOTE DECISIONS AT PRESENT TIME, WHEN ATTENTION OF GOA OFFICIALS LARGELY FIXED UPON UPCOMING ELECTION AND CHANGES WHICH LATTER MAY BRING, ARE ALMOST SELF-EVIDENT. HOWEVER, TAUREL IN CONVERSATION WITH ECOMCOUN AUG 29 INQUIRED ABOUT PROGRESS OF

TALKS AND PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ALL AIRLINES INVOLVED AND DNTAC. IN FACT THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUCH DISCUSSIONS. TAUREL WAS QUITE OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO DISCUSSIONS WHICH HE BELIEVED DNTAC WAS HOLDING WITH AIRLINES IN IMPLEMENTING ARGENTINE STRATEGY OUTLINED PARA 5 REF A WHICH WE VIEW AS EFFORT TO PROBLE FOR EVIDENCE THAT USG OR US AIRLINES WILLING TO SETTLE FOR LESS THAN WHAT WAS SECURED IN NEGOTIATIONS OF DEC 72.

4. COMMENT. WHILE FO OFFICIALS MAY BE SINCERE IN THEIR PROTESTATIONS THAT THEY SEE THE VALIDITY OF MUCH OF WHAT THE USG CLAIMS AND SEEKS IN BILATERAL CIVAIR ARRANGEMENTS AND ARE TRYING TO EDUCATE OTHER GOA ENTITIES ALONG THESE LINES, WE WILL NEED TO TAKE CARE, WHETHER WE ALLOW THE GOA MORE TIME TO REACH DECISIONS OR NOT, THAT THIS TIME IS NOT USED TO UNDERMINE VALID US POSITIONS. WE HAVE ADVISED BA REPS OF US AIRLINES CONCERNING SUBSTANCE OF INFORMATION GIVEN US BY TAUREL AND EXPECT THAT THEIR HOME OFFICES WILL SHORTLY BE IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT. WE WILL ADVISE PROMPTLY WHEN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM GOA.

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